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POLOFF delivered reftel demarche to MFA DG for External Affairs Javier Bonagas on April 17. Bonagas had no substantive response, and post has not received any substantive response to follow-up inquiries. COMMENT: Post assesses that Panama will be leery about joining this effort should it become identified as being "anti-Cuba," but would likely join a majority consensus should one emerge if this proposal does not become identified as being solely "anti-Cuba." Bottom line: Panama will likely want to follow, not lead on this matter.

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